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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1599th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	47th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [42]
   - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/61/3)
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5. Sport for peace and development [49]
   - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/373)
   - (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.12)

[1] To be issued.

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

3 p.m. . . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . *Conference Room 4*

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on the theme "E-government as a tool for participation and inclusion"

Speakers:

Professor Ann Macintosh, Director, International Teledemocracy Centre, Napier University, United Kingdom

Mr. Nam-Seok Kim, Assistant Minister for the e-Government Headquarters, Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs, Republic of Korea

Mr. Abraham Sotelo Nava, Head of the E-government and Technology Policy Unit, Ministry of Public Function, Mexico

Mr. Ivar Tallo, Director, e-Governance Academy, Estonia

Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director, Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[<www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2006>; and <www.un.org/ga/61/second/specialevents.html>.]

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . **17th meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 3

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [106]

(a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/101 and A/C.5/61/4)

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/61/102/Rev.1 and A/C.5/61/5)

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/61/103 and A/C.5/61/6)

(d) United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/61/104 and A/C.5/61/7)

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/61/105, A/C.5/61/8 and A/C.5/61/8/Add.1)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11, A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350))

Sixth Committee

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Trusteship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10) . . . . . [78]

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteship Council Chamber

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) and 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Administrative matters

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico), *today*, 3 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, and at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Khaled El-Bakly (Egypt), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) — International Year on Sanitation

From 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room GA-37.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

From 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitators, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) and Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction - Natural disasters and vulnerability)

From 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations

Friday, 3 November 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

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Friday, 3 November 2006

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on racism)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development)

1.15–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement (open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content on the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Forum Secretariat)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Friends of the International Criminal Court: Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

African Group (Second Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Sixth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

[redacted]

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Friday, 3 November 2006

Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

[redacted]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 3 November 2006

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace (on the new book on the achievements of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005 and the Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace)

[redacted]

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Today, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room 8:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
From 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 22nd meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 18th meeting on Monday, 6 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 18th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), to present and discuss information systems support for delegates, including a presentation of CandiWeb, the new secure Web portal for candidatures and elections (*elections officers are particularly encouraged to attend*); discussion of Web sites related to the Main Committees of the General Assembly; and other practical informatics issues affecting all delegations.

Commission on the Status of Women
Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 3to 6 p.m. in .Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other Sixth Committee meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Non-Aligned Movement (open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other Sixth Committee meetings

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Informal dialogue with non-governmental organizations on "Human rights and poverty" (organized by the Bureau of the Third Committee, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021).]

Panel discussion on "Girls in conflict and post-conflict zones" (organized by the NGO Working Group on Girls of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponsored by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations" (organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations)

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit www.ipu.org.]

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from *today*, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of [illegible]

Thursday, 2 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

45th–46th meetings — The summary of the 45th and 46th meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/213).

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

21st meeting — *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [31]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives of Israel, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bahrain, Oman and Morocco, as well as by the Observer of the Holy See.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Kuwait, as well as by the observer for Palestine, made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Commissioner-General made a statement.

Organization of work

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to extend the deadline for submitting draft resolutions, under both items 31 and 32, to Monday, 6 November, at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

24th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development . . . . . [51 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.14

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development. . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.16

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Monaco.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.21

The representative of Croatia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.18

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.19

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [54]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.17

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.15

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.20

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system . . . . . [58]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, and the Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Questions were posed by the delegations of Ethiopia and Switzerland, to which the Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, responded.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Moldova), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the Russian Federation, Colombia, Algeria, Cuba, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, China, Switzerland, Nepal, Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM) and Mozambique.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion under the agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

36th meeting

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [67 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Burundi, Finland and Norway.

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Chairman made a statement, following which the Committee decided to invite the President of the Human Rights Council to address the Committee the following week, and to resume the general discussion under the item accordingly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Gabon, Cuba and Liechtenstein.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

37th meeting

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.17

The representative of France introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, and Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Japan, Jordan, Liberia, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine and Uruguay.

Albania, Côte d'Ivoire and the Dominican Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18

The representative of Peru introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, and Cameroon, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, and Finland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Chairman responded to a statement made by the representative of Mexico.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.9/Rev.1

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement and announced that Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba,

Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mali, Moldova (Republic of), Myanmar, Norway, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Viet Nam had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Georgia, Ghana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Mozambique, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

International drug control . . . . . [99]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.8/Rev.2

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico made a statement and announced that Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Moldova (Republic of), Mongolia, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Turkey, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution statements were made by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Bolivia and Colombia.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

15th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement regarding the procedures to be followed during the consideration of this item.

The Controller made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised at the 9th meeting of the Committee, held on 23 October 2006.

The representative of Singapore made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would continue under the chairmanship of Mr. Karl Van Den Bossche (Belgium).

16th meeting

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Yemen made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human resources management made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Thursday, 2 November, following the adjournment of the formal in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Morteza Mirmohammad (Islamic Republic of Iran).

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (26 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention relating to the unification of certain rules concerning collisions in inland navigation. Geneva, 15 March 1960

Succession (with confirmation of the reservations confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro upon succession): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the registration of inland navigation vessels. Geneva, 25 January 1965

Succession (with confirmation of the declaration confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro upon succession): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the measurement of inland navigation vessels. Geneva, 15 February 1966

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Chad (1 November 2006)[1]

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Chad (1 November 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Chad (1 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
To be announced

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.6	**Meeting held on 15 September 2006, 3 p.m. [R]**
A/61/PV.7	**Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [R]**

General Assembly	Documents
	Sixtieth session
A/60/608/Add.5*	Reissued for technical reasons [E (only)]
	Sixty-first session
A/61/63/Add.1	Item 69 (a) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/134/Add.1	Item 96 — Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/160	Item 69 (a) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/542–S/2006/847	Item 19 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/546	Item 116 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Accountability measures — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.11	Item 44 — Culture of peace — 2-Power draft resolution — Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.12	Item 45 — Sport for peace and development — 18-Power draft resolution — Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.13	Item 108 (c) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations — 60-Power draft resolution — Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.14	Item 108 (g) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations — 24-Power draft resolution — Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/61/4	Item 53 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — Letter dated 12 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/61/L.22	Item 57 (a) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — One-Power draft resolution — Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/61/9*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/2006/604	Letter dated 1 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/674	Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/762	Letter dated 23 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/768	Letter dated 26 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/838	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia [A C E F R S]
A/61/542–S/2006/847	Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/854	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5561	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1721 (2006)	Adoped by the Security Council at its 5561st meeting [A C E F R S]
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities
S/AC.37/2006/(1455)/2	Letter dated 11 October 2005 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Secretariat	
ST/ADM/SER.B/662	Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [E F S (only)]

Communications to the Editor

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Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500, A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327) . . . . . [32]

General debate

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 38th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

   (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/61/18[1], A/61/186, A/61/260 and A/61/335)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/61/337)

[1] To be issued.

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2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/61/333 and A/61/341) . . . . . [66]

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . . **39th meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/61/18[1], A/61/186, A/61/260 and A/61/335)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/61/337)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/61/333 and A/61/341) . . . . . [66]

Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . . **18th meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [116]

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

Enhancing the role of the Subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa (A/61/471 and A/61/544)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . **Informal consultations (closed)** . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 116 and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Enhancing the role of the Subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa (A/61/471 and A/61/544); and Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration (A/61/295 and A/61/480))

3–6 p.m. . . . . . **Informal consultations (closed)** . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526, and A/59/526/Add.1))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Trusteship Council Chamber

The rule of law at the national and international levels (A/61/142) . . . . . [80]

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (A/60/980) . . . . . [33]

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [76]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) and 148 (Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

General Assembly

Sixty-first session
Informal "informal" consultations

On the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico))

At 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Andres Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity) — International Year of Biodiversity

From 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

From 2.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins (Angola), under agenda item 69 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries) — International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Spain, on behalf of the European Union)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on missing persons, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . *Conference Room E*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

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Group of 77 (on all draft resolutions of the Second Committee; and on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Southern African Development Community (Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

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Informal dialogue with non-governmental organizations on "Human rights and poverty" (organized by the Bureau of the Third Committee, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021).]

Panel discussion on "Girls in conflict and post-conflict zones" (organized by the NGO Working Group on Girls of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponsored by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Tuesday, 7 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 49th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council . . . . . [103 (a)]
2. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/557) . . . . . [103 (b)]

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Friday, 10, to Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

The next formal meeting of the Second Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, in order to hear the introduction of all pending draft resolutions and to take action on all drafts finalized at that time. The scheduling of this meeting is subject to final confirmation, to be announced in the *Journal*.

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 7 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), to present and discuss information systems support for delegates, including a presentation of CandiWeb, the new secure Web portal for candidatures and elections (*elections officers are particularly encouraged to attend*); discussion of Web sites related to the Main Committees of the General Assembly; and other practical informatics issues affecting all delegations.

Commission on the Status of Women

Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006,* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Asia and the Pacific Least Developed Countries Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Informal consultations on the draft ICC-ASP omnibus resolution

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Launch of the International Human Solidarity Day (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Second Committee)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4596).]

2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, the Shanghai Municipal Government and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations" (organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations)

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit www.ipu.org.]

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Thursday, 2 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

45th plenary meeting

Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of the International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . [156]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/509)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/548)

The General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary General that was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1717 (2006) of 13 October 2006, namely to extend until 31 December 2008, effective as of 26 October 2006, the term of office of the following ad litem judges of the International Tribunal who were elected on 25 June 2003: Mr. Aydin Sefa Akay (Turkey), Ms. Florence Rita Arrey (Cameroon), Ms. Solomy Balungi Bossa (Uganda), Mr. Robert Fremr (Czech Republic),

Ms. Taghrid Hikmet (Jordan), Ms. Karin Hökborg (Sweden), Mr. Vagn Joensen (Denmark), Mr. Gberdao Gustave Kam (Burkina Faso), Ms. Flavia Lattanzi (Italy), Mr. Kenneth Machin (United Kingdom), Mr. Joseph Edward Chiondo Masanche (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Mohd. Azmi Dato' Hj. Kamaruddin (Malaysia), Mr. Lee Gacuiga Muthoga (Kenya), Mr. Seon Ki Park (Republic of Korea), Mr. Mparany Mamy Richard Rajohnson (Madagascar), Mr. Emile Francis Short (Ghana), Mr. Albertus Henricus Johannes Swart (Netherlands) and Ms. Aura Guerra de Villalaz (Panama).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 156.

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [103 (b)]

(a) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/89)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/296)

(i) By-election

The Acting President drew attention to a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Permanent Representative of Spain, by which Spain announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the remainder of its term, in favour of Portugal (A/61/89).

The Acting President drew attention to a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Permanent Representative of Turkey, by which Turkey announced it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the remainder of its term, in favour of Greece (A/61/296).

The representative of Mali made a statement on a point of order.

The Acting President made a statement.

On the first round of the balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Portugal and Greece were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a term of office beginning 1 January 2007 and ending on 31 December 2008.

(ii) Election of eighteen members

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the two-thirds majority and the largest number of votes, Algeria, Barbados, Bolivia, Canada, Cape Verde, El Salvador, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malawi, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Romania, Somalia, the Sudan and the United States of America were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	184
Number of invalid ballots	1
Number of valid ballots	183
Abstentions	2
Required two-thirds majority	120

	Votes
Belarus	90
Bulgaria	89

On the second round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Eastern European States to be filled.

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Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	186
Number of invalid ballots	2
Number of valid ballots	184
Abstentions	3
Required two-thirds majority	121

	Votes
Belarus	93
Bulgaria	88

On the third round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	186
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	186
Abstentions	3
Required two-thirds majority	122

	Votes
Belarus	99
Bulgaria	84

On the fourth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot).

The results of the fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	187
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	187
Abstentions	2
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Belarus	107
Bulgaria	77
Serbia	1

On the fifth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a sixth round of balloting (second unrestricted ballot).

The results of the sixth round of balloting (second unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	186
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	186
Abstentions	2
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Belarus	115
Bulgaria	67
Estonia	1
Latvia	1

On the sixth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a seventh round of balloting (third unrestricted ballot).

The results of the seventh round of balloting (third unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	185
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	185
Abstentions	1
Required two-thirds majority	123

	Votes
Belarus	120
Bulgaria	64

On the seventh round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a eighth round of balloting (fourth restricted ballot).

The results of the eighth round of balloting (fourth restricted ballot) were as follows:

Number of ballot papers	186
Number of invalid ballots	0
Number of valid ballots	186
Abstentions	1
Required two-thirds majority	124

	Votes
Belarus	123
Bulgaria	62

On the eighth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Eastern European States to be filled.

Friday, 3 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

47th plenary meeting

The Acting President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [42]

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/61/3)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/273)

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Council.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Iceland, the Russian Federation, Belarus and Cuba.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin . . . . . [43]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/176)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.15)

The representative of Greece made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.15.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Iraq, Ethiopia and Cyprus.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Culture of peace . . . . . [44]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/175)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.11 and A/61/L.16)

The representative of the Philippines (also on behalf of Pakistan) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.11.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Japan.

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Culture of peace . . . . . [44]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/175)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.11 and A/61/L.161)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 44.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Sudan, Malaysia, China, Morocco, Indonesia and Cuba.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Sport for peace and development . . . . . [49]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/373)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.12)

The representative of Tunisia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.12.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Qatar, India, the Sudan, Morocco, China, Monaco, Chile, the Russian Federation, Norway, Italy, Greece and Austria.

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/61/L.12 (resolution 61/10)

The General Assembly decided to conclude its considerations of agenda item 49.

Programme of work

The Member States were informed that, at the request of the sponsor, consideration of agenda item 45 (The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order) had been postponed to a later date.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

17th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . . [106]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/101 and A/C.5/61/4)

The Committee recommended, by acclamation, that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Andrzej T. Abraszewski (Poland), Mr. Collen V. Kelapile (Botswana), Mr. Stafford Neil (Jamaica), Mr. Mohammad Mustafa Tal (Jordan) and Ms. Nonye Udo (Nigeria) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/61/102/Rev.1 and A/C.5/61/5)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan), Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania), Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine), Mr. Meshal Al-Mansour (Kuwait), Mrs. Gobona Susan Mapitse (Botswana) and Ms. Lisa P. Spratt (United States) for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/60/103 and A/C.5/61/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Emilio J. Cárdenas (Argentina), Mr. Khaya Ngqula (South Africa) and Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo (Mexico) as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Afsaneh Beschloss (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Ivan Pictet (Switzerland) as ad hoc members of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

(d) United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/61/104 and A/C.5/61/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Bob Hepple (United Kingdom) and Ms. Jacqueline R. Scott (United States) as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Commission (A/61/105, A/61/105/Add.1, A/C.5/61/8 and A/C.5/61/8/Add.1)

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Guillermo Enrique González (Argentina), Ms. Anita Szlazak (Canada) and Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Vladimir Morozov (Russian Federation) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission, for a term to replace Mr. Vladimir Titov (Russian Federation) upon his resignation, beginning on the date of appointment by the General Assembly until 31 December 2008.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidates from the African States to fill the two vacant seats of that region.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng (Ghana)	138 votes
Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone)	125 votes
Mr. Moshen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia)	99 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng (Ghana) and Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone) as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Commission

The Fifth Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly to designate Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes (Sierra Leone) as Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the two candidates for the post of Vice-Chairman.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany) . . . . . 95 votes
Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) . . . . . 89 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the designation of Mr. Wolfgang Stockl as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2009.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Sixth Committee

19th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session [78]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Chile, Thailand, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Poland, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Algeria, the United States, the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Argentina, Romania and Sierra Leone.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 78.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Confirmation of the declaration under articles 21 and 22: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Ratification: Liechtenstein (3 November 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials of 22 November 1950. Nairobi, 26 November 1976

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace. New York, 5 December 1980

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Political Rights of Women. New York, 31 March 1953

Succession (with confirmation of the objection confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro to the reservations made by the Government of Guatemala upon ratification): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Succession (with confirmation of the notification made by Serbia and Montenegro): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Ratification: Uruguay (3 November 2006)[1]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. Vienna, 23 May 1969

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Vienna Convention on succession of States in respect of treaties. Vienna, 23 August 1978

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations. Vienna, 21 March 1986

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space. New York, 12 November 1974

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention relating to the distribution of programme-carrying signals transmitted by satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Portugal (2 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
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H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
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H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
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H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Somalia (S/2006/838)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions 1653 (2006) and 1663 (2006) (S/2006/478)

Other matters

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	49th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]
2. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [103 (b)][1]: letter from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/557)

[1] The Assembly will first conduct elections for one remaining seat among the Eastern European States and then proceed with the by-election in accordance with document A/61/557.

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragaph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500, A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327) . . . . . [32]

General debate

Second Committee

3–6 p.m.[1] . . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development . . . . . [53]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.23 and A/C.2/61/L.27

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.30

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.25, A/C.2/61/L.26 and A/C.2/61/L.28

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.24

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.31

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.29 and A/C.2/61/L.33

2. Operational activities for development: Operational activities for development of the United Nations system . . . . . [58]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32

[1] Subject to the availability of conference services.

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions . . . . . [69 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.1

4. Information and communication technologies for development. . . . . [50]

Action on an oral draft decision

5. Globalization and interdependence: Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy . . . . . [55 (e)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.11/Rev.1

6. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [69]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.9/Rev.1

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4/Rev.1

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Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 40th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/61/12, Supp. No. 12, A/61/12/Add.1, A/61/224 and A/61/301) . . . . . [41]

Introductory statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1] *followed by question time*

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/61/18, A/61/186, A/61/260 and A/61/335)

[1] The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will address the Committee at *10 a.m.*

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/61/337)

Right of peoples to self-determination (A/61/333 and A/61/341) . . . . . [66]

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 41st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/61/18, A/61/186, A/61/260 and A/61/335)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/61/337)

Right of peoples to self-determination (A/61/333 and A/61/341) . . . . . [66]

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/61/12, Supp. No. 12, A/61/12/Add.1, A/61/224 and A/61/301) . . . . . [41]

General discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6 (Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5), A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6 (Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6 (Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6 (Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6 (Prog.26), A/61/6 (Prog.27), A/61/125, A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Renovation to the Secretary-General's residence: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/377 and A/61/523); and Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on agenda item 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies
2. Executive session on the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963-D.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (a) (International Year on Forests)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on international trade and development; least developed countries; microcredit; and industrial development cooperation; and on all draft resolutions on macroeconomic questions)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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UNITAR/OLA Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties (in French)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–5.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Asia and the Pacific Least Developed Countries Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 7 November 2006

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. François Lonseny Fall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia[1]

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[1] If the consultations of the whole of the Security Council adjourn after the noon press briefing has taken place, Mr. Fall will speak to the press at the stakeout.

Wednesday, 8 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 50th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [18]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/132)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.10)

General Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]: letter from the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/552)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Friday, 10, to Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

There will be a launching of the International Human Solidarity Day on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The keynote speaker is Mr. Lech Wałęsa, Nobel Prize Laureate and founder of the "Solidarity" movement in Poland.

The event, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under the auspices of the Second Committee, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. For further information, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/solidarity.htm>.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Forty-first session

The forty-first session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), to present and discuss information systems support for delegates, including a presentation of CandiWeb, the new secure Web portal for candidatures and elections (*elections officers are particularly encouraged to attend*); discussion of Web sites related to the Main Committees of the General Assembly; and other practical informatics issues affecting all delegations.

Commission on the Status of Women
Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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UNITAR/OLA Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties (in English)

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Informal consultations on the draft International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties omnibus resolution

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on the development of a peacekeeping doctrine, including an update on the work on peacekeeping terminology conducted by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

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2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, the Shanghai Municipal Government and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations" (organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations)

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit <www.ipu.org>.]

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Monday, 6 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

22nd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People

and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report contained in document A/61/500.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the observer for Palestine, as well as the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Cuba, South Africa, Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded delegations that inscription for the list of speakers would be closed at 6 p.m., on that day, Monday, 6 November.

Third Committee

38th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

The Committee began its joint consideration of agenda items 65 and 66.

Question time

The Officer-in-Charge of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights made an introductory statement.

The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Saudi Arabia, the Russian Federation, Japan, Cuba, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jamaica, Switzerland, Peru and Barbados.

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Ecuador and Cuba.

The Committee then began its general discussion of agenda items 65 and 66 and heard statements made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and the Sudan.

39th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [65]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

The Committee continued its joint general discussion of agenda items 65 and 66 and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Pakistan, Cuba, China, Chile, the Russian Federation, Japan, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Moldova, Dominica

(on behalf of the Caribbean Community), South Africa, Morocco, Saint Lucia and Brazil, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Fifth Committee

18th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [116]

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these items.

Enhancing the role of the Subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Director, ad interim, of the Office of Strategic Planning and Programme Management for the Economic Commission for Africa introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/471).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/544).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process; and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Brazil and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Director, ad interim, of the Office of Strategic Planning and Programme Management for the Economic Commission for Africa and the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Monday, 6 November, following the adjournment of the formal in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Elsa Cristina De Jesus Pataca (Angola).

Other matters

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Sixth Committee

20th meeting

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [80]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 80.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Zambia, the United States, Indonesia, the Sudan, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Egypt.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 80.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [33]

The Committee commenced its consideration of agenda item 33.

Statements were made by the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Kuwait, Nigeria, Indonesia and the Sudan.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 33.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [76]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 76.

The representative of Finland introduced draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5.

It was announced that Albania, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Honduras, Madagascar, the Netherlands, Peru, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Uganda had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.5 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 76.

Requests for observer status in the General Assembly . . . . . [153]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 153.

The Chairman of the Committee spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 153.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Ghana (6 November 2006)

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. New York, 20 February 1957

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Guatemala (3 November 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Signature: Ghana (6 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 6 November 2006.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/12/Add.1	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Fifty-seventh session (2-6 October 2006) — Supplement No. 12A [A C E F R S]
A/61/PV.7	Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [F]
A/61/PV.8	Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E]
A/61/PV.10	Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 11 a.m. [A C E F S]
A/61/PV.11	Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A E]

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	Sixtieth session
A/60/846/Add.5/Corr.1	Items 46, 118, 120, 122, 124, 128, 129 and 136 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — United Nations reform: measures and proposals — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Human resources management — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report — Report of the Secretary-General — Procurement reform [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-first session
A/61/257/Corr.1	Item 123 — Human resources management — Composition of the Secretariat — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/522	Items 129 and 130 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Financial and any other implications resulting from the introduction of a staff retention bonus at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/530	Items 68 and 117 — Report of the Human Rights Council — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first session and its first and second special sessions in 2006 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/541–S/2006/848	Item 61 — Advancement of women — Letter dated 23 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/551	Item 134 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire — Revised budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.16	Item 44 — Culture of peace — One-Power draft resolution — International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001–2010 [A C E F R S]
A/RES/61/2	Item 122 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/61/L.28	Item 53 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — One-power draft resolution — Natural disasters and vulnerability [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.29	Item 53 (f) — Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity — 2-Power draft resolution — International Year of Biodiversity, 2010 [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/61/L.30	Item 53 (b) — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — One-Power draft resolution — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as a special area in the context of sustainable development [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/61/L.31	Item 53 (e) — Sustainable development: implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/61/L.20	Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 23-Power draft resolution — Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/61/L.22	Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 27-power draft resolution — Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/61/L.23	Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 16-Power draft resolution — Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/61/L.26	Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 5-Power draft resolution — Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/61/L.31	Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 2-Power draft resolution — Promotion of equitable and mutually respectful dialogue on human rights [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/61/L.9	Item 75 — Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts — 54-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/61/541–S/2006/848	Letter dated 23 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/859	Letter dated 1 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations 2007 regular session
E/C.2/2007/2/Add.6	Quadrennial reports for the period from 2002 to 2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/ADM/SER.B/692	Credit from unencumbered balance and other income for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period ended 30 June 2005 [E F S (only)]
ST/ADM/SER.B/696	Assessment of Member States' contributions to the United Nations capital master plan [E F S (only)]
ST/IC/2006/45/Corr.1	Information circular — Language and communications programme at Headquarters — 2007 [E F (only)]

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